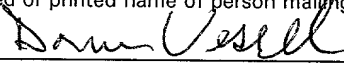


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claim 1.

Please add the following new claims 9-14.

9. A method for producing multiple die-cut business forms, said method comprising the steps of:

providing a continuous web of paper;

extending the web through at least one printing station for printing on selected areas of the web;

extending the web from the at least one printing station through an adhesive patch station for applying an adhesive patch to selected areas of the web; and

extending the web from the adhesive patch station through at least one die cutting station for cutting selected portion of the web with multiple die cuts.

10. The method of Claim 9 wherein the adhesive patch station includes a receiver in which a roll of silicone-treated backing paper is mounted and an applicator operatively coupled with the receiver, the application applying adhesive to selected areas of the silicone paper to form a patch to be applied to selected areas of the web.

11. The method of Claim 10 wherein the backing paper comprises glassine paper.

12. A method for producing multiple die-cut business forms, said method comprising the steps of:

- providing a continuous web of paper;
- extending the web through at least one printing station;
- printing on selected areas of the web with the printing station;
- extending the web from the at least one printing station through an adhesive patch station;
- applying an adhesive patch to selected areas of the web with the adhesive patch station;
- extending the web from the adhesive patch station through at least one die cutting station; and


cutting selected portions of the web contiguous with the adhesive patch with multiple die cuts with the at least one die cutting station.

13. The method of Claim 12 wherein the adhesive patch station includes a receiver in which a roll of silicone-treated backing paper is mounted and an applicator operatively coupled with the receiver, the application applying adhesive to selected areas of the silicone paper to form a patch to be applied to selected areas of the web.

14. The method of Claim 13 wherein the backing paper comprises glassine paper.

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